



A National Dialogue on Health Information Technology and Privacy

In late October, just before a critical presidential election, citizens and stakeholders around the nation will join a unique experiment in 21st century democracy. The National Academy of Public Administration, on behalf of the Federal CIO Council, the Office of Management and Budget, and the General Services Administration, will host an online national dialogue that demonstrates a fundamentally different approach to the work of government.

This national dialogue will engage a diverse group of voices in tackling one of the key issues confronting the nation's health care system: How can we use information technology to improve the way patients interact with the healthcare system, while safeguarding their right to privacy? Participants will have an opportunity to discuss challenges, generate breakthrough ideas, and recommend principles that will be presented to the next Administration.

Soliciting Citizen Input

This first-of-its-kind online-only event will solicit input on an issue that is both national in scope and deeply relevant to the everyday lives of citizens. Over the past decade, great progress has been made in developing new information technologies to support the delivery of health care. However, these advances have also raised important concerns about patient privacy and the secure use of data.

The dialogue itself will extend over five days, leading up to the presidential election. The platform for the dialogue is designed to highlight points of agreement and emerging themes, guiding participants to consensus in real time.

As part of this initiative, a group of informed experts will be on hand to contribute a diverse range of viewpoints to the discussion. In addition, educational materials will be made available on the site, so that participants can learn more about the issues involved. All materials and expertise will be provided with the objective, non-partisan perspective for which the National Academy is known.

Action Informed By "We the People"

This process will produce concrete, actionable suggestions for government leaders. A panel of Fellows from the National Academy of Public Administration will distill the results of this dialogue into a report that captures "citizen-centric" recommendations. The report will be presented to the transition team for the new Administration, as well as OMB, the United States General Services Administration, the Federal CIO Council, and other relevant Federal agencies.

Who Will Participate?

The national dialogue is targeted to individuals and groups with an active interest in this issue, but it will be open and accessible to everyone. Participating stakeholders include: consumer, disability and patient rights advocates; Federal and state government staff; health care providers, insurers and industry representatives; large and small businesses; open government advocates; researchers and students; and non-profit organizations.

About the National Academy

The National Dialogue on Health Information Privacy is being hosted by the National Academy of Public Administration, in partnership with AmericaSpeaks and Delib. Established in 1967 and chartered by Congress, the National Academy is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of top public management and organizational leaders who tackle the nation's most critical and complex challenges. As the home of The Collaboration Project (www.collaborationproject.org), the National Academy is uniquely positioned to host this discussion. We are proud to be working in partnership with AmericaSpeaks and Delib, non-partisan experts in online and face-to-face citizen engagement and public deliberation.

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